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DEPARTMENT PASS AMBASSADOR CROWE

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SUMMARY. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR PHILIP CROWE BEING APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK IS BEING INTERPRETED IN DENMARK AS CONFIRMATION OF EARLIER SIGNALS THAT U. S.- DANISH RELATIONS ARE NOW BACK TO NORMAL. DANISH OFFICIALS AND PRESS SHOWING QUIET SATISFACTION WITH RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS, HIGHLIGHTED BY SECRETARY' S SUCCESSFUL VIST AND DESIGNATION OF EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL TO HEAD COPENHAGEN EMBASSY. END SUMMARY

1. DANISH TELEVISION ANNOUNCED AMBASSADOR CROWE' S APPOINTMENT LATE ON FRIDAY JUNE 22 AND MOST OF
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WEEK-END NEWSPAPERS COVERED THE STORY, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENT AS YET. MOST NEWS COVERAGE EMPHASIZED AMBASSADOR'S EXTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE AND POINTED TO DANISH GOVERNMENT'S WELL-PUBLICIZED PREFERENCE FOR THOROUGHLY GROUNDED DIPLOMAT AS U.S. AMBASSADOR HERE.

2. OFFICIALS WITH WHOM EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT ALSO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION WITH DESIGNATION OF NEW AMBASSADOR, WHICH THEY INTERPRET AS OUTWARD SIGNAL OF THE RECENTLY MUCH IMPROVED STATE OF OUR RELATIONS. ALL CONCERNED REGISTER SATISFACTION WITH SECRETARY'S JUST CONCLUDED OFFICIAL VISIT TO DENMARK AND ARE CLEARLY PLEASED THAT THE STRESSES AND STRAINS WHICH CROPPED UP EARLIER THIS YEAR APPEAR TO BE THINGS OF THE PAST.

3. MANY OF THESE SAME OFFICIALS ARE CURRENTLY PREOCCUPIED WITH DETAILED PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE MINISTERIAL EARLY NEXT MONTH AND EXTENSIVE RESPONSIBILITIES THEY ARE TO ASSUME JULY 1 WHEN DENMARK BECOMES PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL. THEY STRESS, HOWEVER, THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST IN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH U.S. AND THEIR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH U.S. DELEGATION IN HELSINKI, AS WELL AS WITH EMBASSY COPENHAGEN, ON A BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE COMMUNITY.

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